

## NOTES-50 CLUB TALK - 27 OCTOBER 1958

1. Difficult to condense discussion of any aspect of Russian activity.--  
It is vast country with vast problems, vast ambitions and vast determination and dedication to problems at hand.
2. For orientation -- we are talking about
  - a. 200,000,000 people in 16 Republics
  - b. 11 time zones *60 - 19*
  - c. North of 49th parallel -- U. S. entirely south
  - d. Small area where climatic conditions favorable for growing season compared to U.S.
3. Our visit - seven inquisitive college presidents travelled 8000 miles in 15 days using autos, trains, piston-engined and jet planes.

4. Visited 18 universities, technical and pedagogical institutes, medical institutes, research establishments, tecknikums.
5. Well treated after argument  
Interpreters - language and semantics - science (knowledge)
6. Rather than narrative of 15 day trip, I will talk about those aspects of higher education abot which most of you have read or heard thru discussions and speeches. --These include:

Structure of their Higher Ed system

Preoccupation with Science and Technology

Foreign Languages

Humanities and Social Sciences

Place of Women

Use of Incentives

7. Final authority - Ministry of Higher Education in Moscow  
Distinguish between Ministry of Education and this.  
780 institutions including 33 universities  
2000 technikums -- vocational junior colleges.  
Ministry has complete control over 200  
Other institutes under ministries or economics councils.
8. Universities unlike ours in that deal only with sciences and history, law, philosophy, philology, etc.
9. Last year 2,100,000 students  
800,000 corresponding students  
2,000,000 technikums  
5 to 6 1/2 years  
Technikum = 2 to 4 1/2 years

10. a. Curricula for all approved by Moscow  
b. Some degree of freedom for faculties - appointments  
c. Textbooks  
d. Quotas  
e. Salaries and stipends  
f. Centralized control

*Make flag 50% 70%*  
11. Science and Technology

- a. Concentration - narrow but very thorough  
b. 90% of time in Specialty  
c. This will solve today's problems-- out of future?  
d. Offset is Academy of Science & UNIA ✓  
e. Medical Academy in BASIC

12. Foreign languages

- a. Men of our generation -- Leningrad Academy, Dean  
b. Slips in conversation  
c. Students -- 6 yrs. in 10 year school, 3 to 4 later

- d. English predominates
- e. Oriental studies — *only*
- f. Russian language.

13. Humanities and Social Studies

- a. Archaeology, particularly in middle Asia
- b. Economics, philosophy, philology, history
- c. Oriental studies -- Foreign language institutes

14. Women

- a. 51% of students and population
- b. 35% of teachers
- c. 44% agriculture
- d. 39% engineering
- e. 69% medicine
- f. Street sweepers, construction workers, gardeners

15. Incentives

- a. Student stipends
- b. Professors -- skilled and unskilled labor

- c. 4500 R/mo, Dean 5000, Rector 6000
- d. Doctor 2500 - 3000 Lawyer 3000 - 10,000
- e. Engineer 1200 - 2800

## 16. Summary

- a. Quality - *Pragmatic*
- b. Progress in material things - Alma Ata *& why*
- c. Universality in education - 7 grades
- d. Recent changes
- e. Dedication -- no need to expect early revolution